

## **Call for Submissions: Experience Your River National Park Art Contest**

*In recognition of the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area's 25th Anniversary*

**What:** In commemoration and celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area (“the Park”), the National Park Service and the Mississippi River Fund announce a nationwide art competition. The competition is open to everyone (except NPS and MRF employees), and will be juried by the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee comprised of park and Mississippi River Fund staff. The winner’s art will be featured in the Park’s materials, website, partner activities, and more, as applicable.

The theme of the artwork should show how you experience your river within the 72-mile corridor within the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area as a natural, scenic, economic, recreational, historic, cultural, or scientific resource.

**Submission Requirements:** The original form of the art may be in any visual medium, but submission must be electronic. There is no fee to enter.

Each piece must be original, authentic, unpublished, the sole property of the entrant, and not previously submitted in any other contest.

Art should be submitted in JPEG format, no longer than 2000 pixels on the long side, and a file size no larger than 1 megabyte. Photographs submitted not in high enough quality will not be chosen as a winner. **Do not send images of your artwork which has been framed or contains watermarks.**

Please label your image files in the following manner: First name\_Last name\_ImageName. (*Example: Pat\_Smith\_MississippiRiver.jpg.*) The file name may not include characters such as #, \$, &, periods or other similar characters as part of the file, and it is important to follow these instructions about the file name to allow the right storage into the image database.

Image name may not exceed 40 characters.

Email your submissions to [miss\\_info@nps.gov](mailto:miss_info@nps.gov). Be sure to include proper name formatting for each picture, as well as a description of the experience you would like to convey, and contact information where you can best be reached.

**Award:** The winning artwork will be used in park print and digital materials. Depending on its format, it may also be displayed at the Visitor Center or Headquarters. The artist will be recognized at a Park anniversary celebration, August 13<sup>th</sup> and will also be given an America the Beautiful pass, a year round pass to federal lands.

**Eligibility and judging:** Anyone other than NPS or Mississippi River Fund employees may submit art, but individuals may not submit more than two submissions per person.

Submissions will be judged by a jury of Park and Mississippi River Fund staff.

**Deadline:** Submissions must be received by email by midnight (12:00 a.m. CDT) on Sunday, June 30, 2013. This may be extended. The winning artist will be notified before July 15th, 2013.

**Disclaimer:** By submitting an entry, the entrant agrees to allow the National Park Service and the Mississippi River Fund to use his or her name to post on the either entity's website, without compensation unless prohibited. All entries and all rights of ownership in and to the entries, including all rights to use, reproduce, publish, modify, edit, and distribute the same will be *non-exclusive* property of the National Park Service and the Mississippi River Fund and will not be returned. The National Park Service and the Mississippi River Fund reserve the right to edit, modify, copyright, publish, use, and reproduce any and all entries without further compensation. The National Park Service and the Mississippi River Fund, its agents and contractors, are not responsible for lost, late, misdirected, incomplete, or postage-due entries. Contest void where prohibited or restricted by law. Artists will be credited if their work is used by the National Park Service or the Mississippi River Fund in any public format.